

I am writing to oppose the weakening of Indiana's telephone privacy law. I have been on Indiana's do-not-call list since it began, and I have been extremely pleased with the results. It has virtually eliminated unwanted telemarketing calls to my home. I am a customer of two of the member banks that have initiated this action, and I do not want their telemarketing calls either. Please help me to protect my right to privacy while I am at my home.

I, like most people, am a customer of any number of large corporations in one regard or another. Giving telemarketers in Indiana the ability to market to existing customers would let companies such as AT&T and any number of banks or credit card companies to start calling me simply because I have a minor and tenuous relationship with one of their subsidiaries. For example, just because I have a checking account doesn't mean I want to take out a loan. Just because I gave my name and telephone number to the grocery store in exchange for a discount-card doesn't mean that I want them calling me.

These businesses have many other communication mediums available such as mail, email, and print advertising to let me know what products and services they offer. If I want to purchase one, I will go to them; I don't need somebody calling me at home to pressure me into buying.